

KINSHIP: his great-grandfather was *Philemon Lloyd* (1646–1685). MARRIED on February 1, 1755, Ann (1734–1786), daughter of *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1698–1773); granddaughter of *James Lloyd* (1679/80–1723); niece of *Robert Lloyd* (ca. 1712–1770), Margaret Lloyd (1714–ca. 1785), who married *William Tilghman* (1711–1782), and Anne Lloyd (ca. 1723–1794), who married *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18–1790). Her brothers were Thomas (1731–1764); *James Lloyd Chamberlaine* (1732–1783); *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1742–1811); Richard; and Robert Lloyd, who died at eleven years of age. Her sister was Henrietta Maria (1739–1777). Her first cousins were *Richard Tilghman* (1740–1809); Margaret Tilghman (1742–1817), who married *Charles Carroll, Barrister* (1723–1783); and Deborah Lloyd, who married *Peregrine Tilghman* (ca. 1741–1807). Her nieces were Henrietta Maria Chamberlaine (?–1804), who married *William Hayward, Jr.* (ca. 1758–1834); Henrietta Maria Nicols (1761–1818), who married *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790). CHILDREN. SONS: *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790); James (1764–1790); Richard Tilghman (1767–1843), who served in the Maryland General Assembly in 1796 and from 1808 to 1809, was a member of the executive council from 1804 to 1805, and a judge of the Court of Appeals from 1809 to 1834; Thomas (1771–?), who married Henrietta Maria (1779–1821), daughter of *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). DAUGHTERS: Mary (1760–by 1785), who married Dr. John Hindman; Henrietta Maria (1761–1828), who married first, Solomon Clayton, and second, Samuel W. Thomas; Ann (1762–1782); Margaret (1765–1795), who married Philip Feddeman; Deborah (1769–1790), who married Charles Wright; and Suzanna (1773–1795). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1756; Gent., 1761; Esq., 1780. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, in partnership with his brother James Earle and *William Bruff* (ca. 1741–1802), in the firm of Richard Tilghman Earle & Co. The partnership was in existence from 1772 to 1775; the firm kept a store at Chester Mill in Queen Anne's County and sold large quantities of goods on credit; after the dissolution of the firm Richard continued to operate the store himself until 1776; probably also a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1771 (Accounts), 1773–1774 (Accounts 1, Cv, 2, 3); Conventions, Queen Anne's County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (Claims 6th–8th; Manufactories 8th); Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1777–1778

(Loan Office 1; Grievances 2; Claims 2), 1779–1780 (Elections 2; Tax Commissioners 2). OTHER STATE OFFICE: Special Council of the Eastern Shore, appointed 1780. LOCAL OFFICES: clerk, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Queen Anne's County, commissioned 1751; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, 1756–1759, 1764–1784; churchwarden, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, in office 1759; visitor, Queen Anne's County Free School, in office 1770 and 1782; commissioner of tax, Queen Anne's County, 1777–at least 1790. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £2,128.10.0, including 35 slaves and 196 oz. plate, Queen Anne's County, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,210 acres in Queen Anne's County (400 acres inherited from his grandfather Richard Tilghman, which he then resurveyed into a 517-acre tract; 554 acres by patent; at least 2,020 acres by purchase); controlled 800 acres in Dorchester County for his wife to whom the land was apparently entailed; he had no authority to dispose of it and always referred to it as his wife's land. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned 600 acres in Delaware, by 1785. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 24, 1788, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,143.16.8 current money (including 39 slaves, 176 oz. plate, and 12 books); FB, estate overpaid £5,956.1.4. LAND: at least 3,311 acres in Queen Anne's and Caroline counties; 600 acres in Delaware; his wife still owned 800 acres in Caroline County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Earle died very much in debt, and subject to numerous court judgments. His estate was declared insolvent, and his son Richard Tilghman Earle, Jr., sold 3,058 acres of his father's land in Queen Anne's and Caroline counties between 1815 and 1818 to satisfy the remaining creditors.

**EARLE, SAMUEL** (1756–1790). BORN: on February 3, 1756, probably in Queen Anne's County; eldest son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County; Kent County, by 1785; "Needwood," near Centreville, Queen Anne's County, 1788 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788), son of *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739). MOTHER: Ann Chamberlaine (1734–1786). UNCLES: *James Lloyd Chamberlaine* (1732–1783); *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1742–1811); and *Michael Earle* (1722–1787). HALF UNCLE: *Joseph Earle* (1739–1777). AUNTS: Anna Maria Earle (1725–1795), who married *Thomas Ringgold* (1715–1772); Henrietta Maria Earle (1730–1767), who